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<b>Agenda Item #</b>	5
<b>Meeting Date</b>	April 16, 2007
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<b>Discussion Item</b>	Update from the Health Services Impact Committee
<b>Background</b>	<p>By Resolution 2006-12, adopted on February 27, 2006, the City Council established the Health Services Impact Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to gather and share information on the health care and health care access needs of the Takoma Park community and on the potential impacts of the possible relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to meeting those needs.</p> <p>In accordance with Resolution 2006-12, the Committee is comprised of approximately 12 to 15 members. It meets monthly or as often as needed to fulfill its responsibilities.</p> <p>The Committee held its first meeting on September 20, 2006. Committee activities since that time include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with Jere Stocks, President of the Washington Adventist Hospital, and Robert Jepson, Associate Vice President of Government Relations and Public Policy, to discuss the status of the hospital's relocation plan, and other relevant issues.</li> <li>• Facilitated two community meetings in order to obtain a better understanding of the health care needs of the residents living in the City of Takoma Park and surrounding neighborhoods. The first meeting was held on February 7, 2007 at Victory Tower Apartment. Twenty-seven (27) residents of Victory Tower were in attendance to share with Committee members their health care needs and their concerns relating to the relocation of the Washington Adventist Hospital. The second community meeting was held in the Community Center on April 11, 2007.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee plans to hold a third community meeting in the Community Center on May 1, 2007. Additionally, the Committee is seeking the input of community organizations and neighborhood and tenant associations in terms of their health care needs.</p> <p>Lois Wessel and Andrew Sommers, co-chairs of the Health Services Impact Committee, will be in attendance to brief the Council on past and future activities of the Committee.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	The Committee shall brief the Council on a quarterly basis or as needed.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Attachments</b>	Copy of Resolution 2006-12

<b>Recommendation</b>	Listen to the update from the Health Services Impact Committee and ask questions
<b>Special Consideration</b>	None

**Introduced By: Councilmember Elrich**

**Resolution 2006-12**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TAKOMA PARK  
HEALTH SERVICES IMPACT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS,** on September 22, 2005 the Board of Trustees for Adventist HealthCare voted to move Washington Adventist Hospital out of Takoma Park, where it has been located for nearly a century; AND,

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council is concerned that the relocation of the hospital could negatively affect the quality and availability of health services for the Takoma Park community; AND,

**WHEREAS,** the Council wishes to establish a citizens' committee to gather and share information on the health care and health care access needs of the Takoma Park community and on the potential impacts of the possible relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to meeting those needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:**

There is hereby established a Takoma Park Health Services Impact Committee that shall serve in an advisory role to the City Council on matters related to the health care needs of the Takoma Park community.

The purpose of the Committee shall be:

- A) To gather and share information on the health care and health care access needs of the Takoma Park community.
- B) To assess and/or to review assessments done by other parties as to the impacts of the possible relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital on the availability of needed health care services for the Takoma Park community, taking into consideration the services and locations of other health care providers, the proposed new location of Washington Adventist Hospital, and the proposed medical building in the Long Branch neighborhood.
- C) To report to the City Council on the findings of the Committee and to make recommendations to the Council on any steps that may be taken to improve the delivery and accessibility of health care services for the Takoma Park community.

The Committee shall consist of persons interested in the issue of health care services for the Takoma Park community, including Takoma Park senior citizens and persons with special health

care needs; persons who may have difficulties in accessing health care services due to transportation, language or income constraints; and persons with expertise in the field of health care services or public health. Representatives of the Health Departments of Montgomery County, Prince George's County and the District of Columbia, and a representative of the Washington Adventist Hospital Center on Health Disparities, shall be invited to participate as ex officio members.

The Committee shall consist of approximately twelve to fifteen members.

The Committee shall meet monthly or as often as needed to fulfill its responsibilities.

The Committee shall brief the Council quarterly or as needed.

The City Manager or his or her designee shall provide appropriate staff support to the Committee.

The Committee shall be disbanded at the end of a two-year period from the date of this Resolution unless the City Council acts to extend the term or otherwise alter the structure of this Committee.

**Adopted this 27th day of February, 2006.**